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1. WORKING GROUP MET AM MARCH 2 AND COVERED PARAS 98-104 OF SECT STUDY ON ECOSOC. GDR LED OFF DISCUSSION BY SAYING UN IS PRINCIPALLY A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION AND NOT AN ECONOMIC ONE. US DEL POINTED OUT THAT SAME AREA BEING STUDIED BY RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE AND THAT NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL RESULTS OF THAT STUDY ARE KNOWN. HE FURTHER CALLED TO GROUP'S ATTENTION THE EXPERTS' REPORT ON RESTRUCTURING WHICH, WHILE PROPOSING A WIDE RANGE OF ADJUSTMENTS, CONCLUDED THAT NO CHARTER CHANGE WAS INDICATED. US NOTED IN REGARD TO COMMENTS MADE RE NIEO AND CERDS THAT WE RETAINED OUR RESERVATIONS AND OBJECTIONS TO THESE RESOLUTIONS. US NOTED THAT SOME DELEGATIONS WHO IN OTHER CONTEXTS WERE ANXIOUS TO REMIND STATES THAT THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION WAS LIMITED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW WERE NOW SUGGESTING THE UNBRIDLED FREEDOM OF ACTION OF STATES WHEN NATURAL RESOURCES WERE INVOLVED. HE REGRETTED THAT CONCENTRATION BY SOME DELS ON
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SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION INSTEAD OF SEVENTH CAUSED UNDUE FOCUS ON AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT RATHER THAN AREAS OF AGREEMENT.

2. PHILIPPINE REP RECALLED MRS. MARCOS' SPEECH BEFORE THE GA IN NOVEMBER, DEALING WITH THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL. AFTER TRACING POLITICAL AND

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE MIDDLE AGES, TURKISH REP CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF NIEO AND CERDS. POLAND SAID COMMITTEE FACED FOUR GOALS IN THIS AREA: BRINGING ABOUT GREATER EFFICIENCY IN UN ECOSOC, ADAPTING STRUCTURE TO CHANGES IN WORLD BY RECOGNIZING NIEO AND CERDS, TAKING ACCOUNT OF LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES, AND UNDERTAKING ALL ACTIVITIES IN CONSISTENCY WITH THE CHARTER. UK REP STATED UK WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF UNFETTERED SOVEREIGNTY: WHEN OBLIGATIONS ARE CREATED, THEY SHOULD BE WILLINGLY ASSUMED.

3. YUGOSLAVIA CITED COLOMBO NONALIGNED SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTING NIEO, SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONVENE GA SPECIAL SESSION TO SOLVE SPECIFIC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND TO SET UP NIEO AS MATTER OF PRIORITY, AND CALLED FOR REVIEW OF EXISTING SPECIAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO ENSURE WORLDWIDE CARRYING OUT OF GA POLICY. USSR COMPLIMENTED ITSELF FOR PROVIDING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OBJECTED TO HAVING "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES" INCLUDED IN SAME CATEGORY AS CAPITALIST COUNTRIES IN ARTIFICIAL DIVISION BETWEEN RICH AND POOR STATES IN SECT STUDY. SOVIET DEL SAID SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WERE NOT GUILTY OF PAST EXPLOITATION AND THUS DID NOT GIVE AID AS REMUNERATION FOR PAST WRONGS OR OUT OF SENSE OF GUILT, BUT ONLY BECAUSE USSR WANTED TO HELP IMPROVE SITUATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SOVIET SUPPORTED NIEO AND CERDS BUT ARGUED THAT NO CHARTER CHANGE WAS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THEM HE RESURFACED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROPOSAL THAT DEVELOPED NATIONS CUT 10 PERCENT OF THEIR MILITARY BUDGETS AND GIVE LARGE PART OF THAT CUT TO LDCS. POLAND SUPPORTED USSR.

4. NIGERIA TOOK FLOOR TO SUPPORT NIEO AND CERDS AND TO POINT OUT THAT STATES COULD NOT EVADE THEIR RESPONSI-BILITIES BY SEEKING TO PLACE GUILT ON OTHERS.

5. CHINA SAID THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN FIGHTING MASSIVE STRUGGLE TO HALT THE CONTROL OF INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BY ONE OR TWO SUPERPOWERS. CHINESE DEL SUPPORTED NIEO AND SAID PROPOSAL THAT IT BE INCLUDED IN CHARTER MERITED SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. ROMANIA SAID CHARTER CHANGES SHOULD BE BASED ON NIEO. UK COUNTERED THAT NIEO AND CERDS ARE POLICY, NOT STRUCTURE, AND THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE SET OUT IN CHARTER. USSR SAID IMPROVEMENTS IN UN SHOULD BE BY ADDITIONAL JURIDICAL INSTRUMENTS, NOT BY REVISION. FRANCE MENTIONED THAT IF NIEO IS INSERTED IN CHARTER NOW,

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THERE WILL BE NECESSITY FOR ANOTHER AMENDMENT
PROCESS TEN YEARS FROM NOW.
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